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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR ANNUAL
REBILD FESTIVAL

IT HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY FOR MANY YEARS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO SEND
A MESSAGE TO BE READ BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT THE REBILD
FESTIVAL ON JULY 4. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT A
MESSAGE BE SENT AGAIN THIS YEAR, TO BE READ BY EITHER THE
AMBASSADOR OR THE CHARGE'. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT FOR SUCH
A MESSAGE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING APPROVED PRESI-
DENTIAL MESSAGE BY JUNE 25 IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR TRANSLATION INTO
DANISH AND ADVANCE EMBARGOED DISTRIBUTION:

BEGIN TEXT: THE YEAR SINCE THE LAST REBILD FESTIVAL HAS BEEN
SIGNIFICANT IN CHANGING THE FUNDAMENTAL OUTLINES OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONSHIPS. DENMARK HAS, BY THE OVERWHELMING MANDATE OF
ITS VOTERS, TAKEN THE IMPORTANT STEP OF JOINING THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES, THUS BECOMING THE ONLY NORDIC NATION WHICH IS A
MEMBER OF BOTH THE COMMUNITIES AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
ORGANIZATION. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, HAS BEEN
ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF DIPLOMATIC ENDEAVORS, LEADING TO THE SIGNA-
TURE OF A NUMBER OF PRECEDENT- SETTING AGREEMENTS, WITH FRIENDS AS
WELL AS FORMER ANTAGONISTS. WHILE MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE ON A
NUMBER OF IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, WE CAN BOTH TAKE PRIDE IN HOW MUCH
HAS IN FACT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

DENMARK AND THE UNITED STATES ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ADDITIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS DESIGNED TO RESTRUCTURE WORLD RELATIONSHIPS IN THE
1970 A - AND HOPEFULLY BEYOND. IN HELSINKI, THE UNITED STATES AND
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DENMARK HAVE STOOD SIDE BY SIDE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND A FORMULA FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A RELAXATION OF TENSION WHICH IS MEANINGFUL AND WORKABLE TO PEOPLE IN ALL PARTS OF EUROPE, AS WELL AS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. DANES AND AMERICANS HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING CLOSELY AND EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER IN VIENNA IN THE EFFORT TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS SO AS TO MAKE THE FUTURE BETTER AND SAFER FOR OUR PEOPLES.

AS A RESULT OF THOSE ENDEAVORS, WE HOPE TO CONVERT THE WORD "DETENTE" FROM JUST A SLOGAN INTO A REALITY, BASED ON ACHIEVEMENTS NOT ON GENERALITIES. THE SAME IDEA WILL GOVERN OUR APPROACH TO THE DISCUSSIONS WE HOPE TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR ON EXPANDING TRADE, DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL BE NONE THE LESS SERIOUS AND INTENSE BECAUSE THEY WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN FRIENDS RATHER THAN ADVERSARIES.

DANES AND AMERICANS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, FAR MORE THAN MAY APPEAR ON THE SURFACE IF ONE SEES ONLY THE LATEST OPINION POLLS OR THE LATEST SENSATIONAL HEADLINE. WE SHARE A RICH HERITAGE OF WESTERN DEMOCRACY, SOMETHING OFTEN DECRIED AND CRITICIZED, BUT A SYSTEM THAT PERMITS OUR PEOPLES TO CREATE A BETTER LIFE, A HIGHER LIVING STANDARD, AND A MORE BROADLY REALIZED CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT THAN ANY OTHER FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR DENMARK IS PERFECT -- NOBODY IS. BUT WE HAVE THE STRENGTH AND THE FREEDOM TO EXAMINE OPENLY AND FRANKLY THE AVENUES OF IMPROVEMENT, TO APPLY THE HARD-LEARNED LESSONS OF HISTORY, AND TO BENEFIT FROM OUR CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL HERITAGE. AS SUCH, WE ARE RICH -- NOT JUST IN THE MATERIAL SENSE, BUT IN THE TOOLS WITH WHICH HISTORY HAS ENDOWED US.

REBILD IS A UNIQUE INSTITUTION, AND I CONSIDER IT A HIGH HONOR TO HAVE BEEN AMONG THE AMERICAN SPEAKERS THERE IN THE PAST. ON THIS FOURTH OF JULY, 1973, ELEVEN YEARS SINCE, I, AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, SPOKE HERE AND ONLY THREE YEARS BEFORE THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, I SEND GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS IN DENMARK. WE HAVE MUCH IN COMMON. LET US STRIVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE, UNDER WHICH HUMAN PROGRESS CAN FLOURISH.
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